

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION:

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 4-6, 8 and 9 have been amended, claim 10 has been added, and claims 1 and 2 have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 3-6 and 8-10 are pending and under consideration.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102:

Claims 2, 6 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Goto, U.S. Patent 5,903,786. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

By way of review and as an example, independent claim 6 sets forth a "camera reset device, comprising: a mode selection unit to select, at least, one mode setting state in which a plurality of functions related to a photographing operation can be selected and set; a selection/setting operation unit to select and set the at least one of the functions; a reset operation unit to reset the functions to a specific initial state, respectively; and a reset control unit to reset only functions which can be selected and set in the mode setting state selected by the mode selection unit when the reset operation unit has been operated."

In addition, "a release operation is enabled when the mode selection unit is set in, at least, one first mode setting in which a first function related to a photographing operation can be selected and set and the release operation is prohibited when the mode selection unit is set in, at least, one second mode setting in which a second function other than the first function can be selected and set."

The Office Action sets forth that Goto discloses all the claimed features of independent claim 6. Applicants respectfully disagree.

It is respectfully submitted that Goto at least fails to disclose all the claimed features of independent claim 6, as amended. For example, in independent claim 6, a reset control unit resets only functions that can be selected and set in the mode setting state selected by the mode selection unit. However, Goto fails to disclose at least the claimed reset control unit. Goto only sets forth that the contents of memory 51 are erased and the initial values of memory 51, set in the factory, are reset when the preset position RESET 22 is set (col. 8 lines 40-45).

Similarly, in independent claim 9, only functions that can be selected and set in the mode setting state, selected by the modes selection unit, are reset when the reset operation has been operated, for example.

Therefore, for at least the above, it is respectfully submitted that independent claim 6 is patentably distinct from Goto. In addition, independent claim 9 includes at least similar claimed allowable features as independent claim 6, with differing scope and breadth. For at least the above, it is respectfully submitted that claims depending from independent claims 6 and 9 are in proper condition for allowance.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103:

Claims 1, 4, 5 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Yasukawa et al., U.S. Patent 5,189,466, in view of Naruse et al., U.S. Patent 4,914,468. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

It is respectfully submitted that it would not have been obvious to modify Yasukawa et al., in view of Naruse et al., to disclose all the claimed features of independent claims 6 and 9, at least as the only motivation for such a combination would necessarily have to be derived from the present application, and that neither reference, either alone or as a whole, disclose all the claimed features. Therefore, for at least the above, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 6 and 9, and the claims dependent therefrom, are in proper condition for allowance.

Claims 1, 4, 5 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Goto in view of Naruse et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

It is respectfully submitted that it would not have been obvious to modify Goto, in view of Naruse et al., to disclose all the claimed features of independent claims 6 and 9, at least as the only motivation for such a combination would necessarily have to be derived from the present application, and that neither reference, either alone or as a whole, disclose all the claimed features. Therefore, for at least the above, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 6 and 9, and the claims dependent therefrom, are in proper condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION:

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please **AMEND** claims 4-6, 8 and 9 as follows. The remaining claims are reprinted, as a convenience to the Examiner, as they presently stand before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

1. (CANCELED)
2. (CANCELED)
3. (PREVIOUSLY CANCELED)
4. (TWICE AMENDED) The camera reset device of claim [1] 10, wherein the reset control unit indicates a reset by momentarily turning off the display unit.
5. (TWICE AMENDED) The camera reset device of claim [1] 6, wherein;
the reset [operating] operation unit is provided with two operating members; and
the reset control unit determines that the reset operation unit has been operated when the two operating members have been continuously operated together over a period equal to or greater than a predetermined length of time.
6. (TWICE AMENDED) A camera reset device, comprising:
a mode selection unit to select, at least, one mode setting state in which a plurality of functions [function] related to a photographing operation can be selected and set;
a selection/setting operation unit to select and set the [function] at least one of the functions;
a reset operation unit to reset the [function] functions to a specific initial state, respectively; and
a reset control unit to reset only [a function] functions which can be selected and set in the mode setting state selected by the mode selection unit when the reset operation unit has been operated,
wherein [;]a release operation is enabled when the mode selection unit is set in, at least, one first mode setting in which a first function related to a photographing operation can be selected and set and the release operation is prohibited when the mode selection unit is set in, at least, one second mode setting in which a second function other than the first function can be

selected and set.

7. (PREVIOUSLY CANCELED)

8. (TWICE AMENDED) The camera reset device of claim [7] 6, wherein the mode selection unit is capable of selecting, at least, one setting among photographing condition settings in which a photographing condition of a photographing operation started by issuing a photographing start instruction in the camera can be set, a custom setting, in which value settings for a plurality of functions can be set independently of one another and a film sensitivity setting in which the film sensitivity can be set, and

details that can be reset by the reset control unit when the reset operation unit has been operated in a given setting selected by the mode setting unit only include a numerical value or a state that can be set in the setting.

9. (ONCE AMENDED) A camera resetting method, comprising:
[displaying a camera setting and/or a control state;]
selecting at least one mode setting position at which a [function] plurality of functions related to a photographing operation can be selected and set by a mode selection unit;
selecting and setting the [function] functions; and
[resetting the function to a specific initial state; and
displaying a reset by achieving a no-display state of a display over a specific short period of time upon the resetting of the function]
resetting only functions which can be selected and set in the mode setting state selected by the mode selection unit when the reset operation unit has been operated,
wherein a release operation is enabled when the mode selection unit is set in, at least, one first mode setting in which a first function related to a photographing operation can be selected and set and the release operation is prohibited when the mode selection unit is set in, at least, one second mode setting in which a second function other than the first function can be selected and set.

10. (NEW) The camera reset device of claim 6, wherein the reset control unit implements reset display on a display unit to display a camera setting and/or a control state when the reset operation unit has been operated.